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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on August 29, 2006 and July 14, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Chinese Office Action dated May 23, 2008 with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 200480032274.3, in which the following document was cited:

- (1) CN 1332932 A, which is submitted together with patent family members WO 00/40020 and JP 2002-540645 A.

The relevance of this document, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

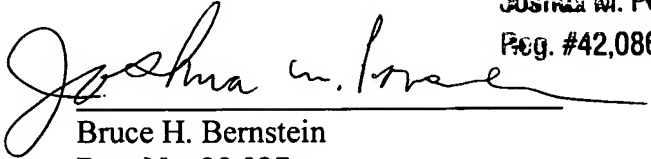
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as English language Abstracts for WO 00/40020 and FR2787963 (indicated to correspond to JP2002-540645) are attached hereto, and

are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Chinese Office Action and partial English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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